

SHOCKING AFFAIR

Mrs. William B. Hale of Geneva Shot Herself this Morning

IN DYING CONDITION

Had Been Ill for Months—Bullet Penetrated the Brain—Hope is Slight

Geneva, Ind., January 21.—(Special to Democrat)—Mrs. Nellie Hale, wife of William B. Hale, assistant cashier of the Geneva Bank, shot herself with suicidal intent, about eight o'clock this morning, and is in a dying condition. The bullet penetrated the brain and the physicians extend no hope whatever for her recovery. Mrs. Hale has been in poor health ever since the death of her mother about two years ago, has been despondent and her mind was seriously affected. For some time she has been under the care of a private nurse and several treatments at sanitariums failed to restore her health. This morning, shortly after her husband had gone to the bank, she went to her room and a shot soon alarmed those in the house. Hastening to the room they found Mrs. Hale unconscious. She had placed the muzzle of a target rifle in her mouth and pulled the trigger, the bullet penetrating the brain. Dr. Graham was summoned and everything possible is being done to prolong life, but against hope. A trained nurse has also been summoned from Fort Wayne. Mrs. Hale's maiden name was Miss Nellie Clawson and her home at Windfall, Indiana. She is accomplished and popular. Besides Mr. Hale, three children, Helen, Mary and William compose the family. Mrs. Hale is well known in Decatur, her husband being a nephew of John D. Hale. At three o'clock Mrs. Hale was still alive, but very low.

THE LAST SAD RITES PERFORMED

Remains of A. C. Gregory Were Laid to Rest by Comrades.

The remains of A. C. Gregory were this afternoon at two-thirty o'clock, removed from the vault where they have lain for he past week and removed to the family burial plot and interred. The members of the G. A. R. of which he was a member, performed the last sad rites under their ritualistic work and the remains were laid to rest in a manner befitting a soldier. The family attended the services, as did numerous friends of the deceased. The remains were in an excellent state of preservation, and were viewed by those present before interment. Before departing this life Mr. Gregory made his own funeral arrangements and at that time stated that he desired his remains to lie in the vault for at least a week before being interred and in accordance with that request everything was carried out to the letter.

A new show will be introduced this evening at the Pictorium, the names of the films not being known at this time, owing to their lateness in arriving. However, if the other films are any criterion the show this evening should be up to the standard and the public should be royally entertained. Mr. Stoneburner is making an effort to please and is deserving of your patronage.

Otto Bremerkamp and his men arrived home from Berne after spending the day there working at the picture business.

SUED HIS EMPLOYER.

Fred M. Rinehart Asks for Five Thousand Dollars Damages.

Fred M. Rinehart filed suit this afternoon in the circuit court against the Review Publishing Company and W. B. Westlake, asking for alleged damages of \$5,000 for failure on the part of the defendant to carry out a contract. The suit was filed through Mr. Rinehart's attorney, Chase Harding. The above item taken from the Crawfordsville Review, refers to a former reporter on the Evening News. He went to Crawfordsville several weeks ago to take charge of the Review and it is understood that he was to have a salary and an opportunity to buy an interest in the paper. The above article does not give details but it was learned that Mr. Rinehart is no longer with the company but filed suit on the grounds that the Review, owned by Mr. Westlake, did not keep his contract. Mr. Rinehart is still at Crawfordsville, but is out of a job.—Bluffton News.

BRYAN THE CHOICE

No Sympathy Shown for the Anti-Bryan Movement

THE ALDRICH BILL

"Interests" Working for Its Enactment—Several Millions Appropriated

Washington, January 21.—There is little sympathy among the "real Democrats" in Washington with the idea of having a conference of "old line Democrats" in New York for the purpose of defeating the nomination of Mr. Bryan at the Democratic national convention in Denver in July. On the contrary there is a widespread belief that it is by just such means as the proposed New York conference that the nomination of Mr. Bryan will be made inevitable. Instead of convincing Mr. Bryan that he is not wanted, and that his nomination would not be wise, or good for the party the Democratic leaders here believe that such a conference would result only in intensifying the determination of Mr. Bryan to take the nomination and that of his friends to see that it is offered to him. Instead of healing the breach in the party it would widen it and make it more lasting, they believe.

Washington, January 21.—It has developed very clearly within the last few days that important bond interests are working tooth and nail for the passage of the Aldrich bill. In sounding the feeling in congress it has appeared that the greatest obstacle to be overcome in dealing with the situation was the antagonism of the bankers of various points in the interior who regard the Aldrich bill with disfavor because they believe that it will make them more than ever dependent on the New York and Eastern institutions and will cause their currency to cost them a great deal more than they had hoped would be the case.

Washington, January 21.—Two important decisions, contemplating the expenditure of \$13,000,000, were reached by the sub-committee on deficiencies of the house committee on appropriations. It was voted to recommend the immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 to pay the coal bill incident to the voyage of Admiral Evans' fleet to the Pacific coast, and also of the \$12,000,000 asked for by Secretary Taft and Chairman Goethals, of the Isthmian Canal Commission, in order to carry on until the close of the current fiscal year the canal digging work as mapped out by Colonel Goethals.

AFFIDAVIT AGAINST SHERRY.

An affidavit was filed against Henry Sherry, the west end saloon keeper this afternoon for selling liquor to minors. The case has not entered court as yet.

This week is set aside as visiting week at the various high school buildings, and a number of Decatur citizens are taking advantage of the same and paying the schools a much deserved visit. This practice should be kept up throughout the term as the citizens may thus see the advancement that is being made by the students.

MAGNATES MEET

Base Ball Men Meet at Richmond to Re-organize the I. O. League

ANDERSON IS OUT

Runyan of Bluffton Had a Cinch of the League Presidency

Richmond is the mecca today for base ball men. Magnates of the I.O. league began to gather here early this morning to attend a meeting which will be held at the Westcott hotel this afternoon. At his meeting the league will be re-organized with probably eight clubs in the circuit. Richmond is almost certain to cast its lot with the Indiana-Ohio organization.

There will be an election of officers at the meeting this afternoon and Frank Runyan, of Bluffton, appears to have a cinch on the presidency. Last year this office was filled by A. R. Kling, sporting editor of the Indianapolis Star, but Mr. Kling failed to take any interest in the affairs of the league, and as a result nearly all the circuit managers are opposing his reelection. Runyan is a thorough sportsman and at all times has the best interests of the league at heart. He also has the advantage of being a good business man and hustler. A secretary will also probably be elected.

Among the first arrivals this morning were Harry Hall, who is connected with the Union Traction company, and who represents Marion and Kokomo; also Frank Runyan, Jack Edmunds and Dan Langan, all of Bluffton. Manager Jessup acted as the reception committee.

Just one piece of bad news was sprung on the base ball men this morning. It was the receipt of a letter from Howard Witt, who holds the Anderson I.O. league franchise, stating that recently he was boycotted by the musicians' union in that city and that a general boycott had now resulted. Because of this Mr. Witt stated it would be impossible for him to place a team in Anderson this season. Anderson is wanted in the I.O. league and an effort will be made to have some other party take the franchise.—Richmond Paladium.

THE OPENING BILL

A Good Show Last Night at the Bosse Opera House

A WOMAN'S REVENGE

The Specialties Were Among the Best Ever Staged in this City

A large crowd was present last evening at the Bosse opera house to witness the opening bill "A Woman's Revenge" played by the Cora Lawton Mitchell company, and those who took advantage of the opening attraction will no doubt see the next two evenings' performance. As a general rule the stock company does not appeal to many people, but those who witnessed last evening's performance were more than pleased with what they saw. The cast was well arranged and each and every member of the company played his or her part to perfection. Not alone was the acting excellent, but the specialties were among the best ever staged in Decatur; the work of the ventriloquist is without doubt deserving of special mention, he far excelling anything of a like nature ever heard in our city. The play last evening showed that Cora Lawton Mitchell is an emotional actress of no mean ability, and her part in the leading role was well received by the audience. She has a well balanced company throughout, and one that can royally entertain you if you but give them the chance by attending.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Dore Erwin on Thursday afternoon. All ladies are invited.

NEW BOOKS AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following new books have been received and put on shelves by Miss Moses for the public benefit: The Spoilsman, by Elliott Flower; When the Gates Left Up Their Heads, by Payne Erskine; The Captain's Toll Gate, by Frank R. Stockton; A Confident Tomorrow, by Brander Matthews; The Heart of Hyacinth, by Onoto Watanna; The Lieutenant Governor, by Guy Wetmore Carryl; Colonial Days and Ways, by Helen Everett Smith; Lorenzo Lotto, by Berenson; The Mysterious Voyage of the Daphne, in the Yukon, by William Seymour Edwards; Clear Round, E. A. Gordon; Siena, by Edward G. Gardner; The Ivory Workers of the Middle Ages, A. N. Cust; The Pavement Master of Siena, R. H. Hobart Cust, M. A.; The Twentieth Boy, by Glentworth; Wildersmoor, by C. G. Anthon; People of the Whirlpool; Bayou Triste, by Josephine Hamilton Nickols; Aftermath, by Jane Lane Allen; Mary Paget, by Minna Smith; What Manner of Man, Edna Kenton.

THE GAS PROBLEM

Geneva Elated Over Prospects Will be Turned on There this Morning

AND HERE TOMORROW

Local Managers Ready for It—So are All Decatur Citizens

Geneva, Indiana, January 21.—(Special to Democrat)—At three o'clock the gas from the new field had not been turned on and it is stated that the work will not be completed before six o'clock this evening. The people here are jubilant over the promise of better gas service than in the old days, the field manager being authority for the statement that this will be true.

The Wabash Valley Gas office in this city was the busiest today that it has been since the wells near Pennville refused to supply an adequate amount of gas for the consumers in our city. Many people visited the office during the day and Mr. Christen was kept busy answering the many inquiries that were propounded. From indications the Wabash Valley will again have a large number of consumers on their line as most every citizen has manifested eagerness to know when Decatur will be connected. The only answer Mr. Christen could make to the interrogatories was that Geneva was connected today and that if the city council approve the proposed minimum rate at their tonight's meeting, Decatur should have gas tomorrow. The gas company proposes to furnish all meters and the only cost for the consumer is the price of setting same, and if there has already been a meter at your home the price of setting same will be but fifty cents. This appeals to the public as a reasonable proposition and it is quite probable that the Wabash Valley people will be given a liberal patronage by the people of Decatur.

PRES. INDIANA STATE BOARD.

Dr. J. E. P. Holland, an Osteopath, Has Honors Conferred Upon Him.

The osteopathic physicians of Indiana are greatly elated over the fact that Dr. J. E. P. Holland, an osteopathic physician of Bloomington, Ind., has been elected president of the Indiana State Board of Medical Examiners, which is a high compliment to the osteopathic profession and proven beyond a doubt that osteopathy is being recognized today as one of the most successful and scientific methods for treating the many ills of the human body. The appointment of Dr. Holland is certainly very gratifying to them after the many unsuccessful attempts on the part of the medical profession, not to recognize the osteopathic school.

Mrs. Reuben Baxter returned to her home after visiting in the city for a short time.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Suit Filed to Collect Pay for 200 Quarts of Nitro Glycerine

HAS A NEW RULE

Naturalization Matters Will Be Considered First Day of Each Term

Attorneys Headington and Wheat, of Portland, filed a new case here today, entitled The Independent Torpedo Company vs. State Line Oil Co. The defendant is a New York corporation and the plaintiff a Findlay, Ohio, corporation. The complaint says the defendant company owes the plaintiff \$140 for goods furnished and work performed. The goods mentioned is 200 quarts of nitro glycerine used to shoot an oil well in Jefferson township, December 29, 1906. The sum of \$200 is demanded.

Auditor Lewton is busy this week putting up his official ledger.

Carpenters are at work today on the new floor at the county clerk's office.

Judge Merryman, of the circuit court, in a new rule has designated the first Monday of each term of court, the November, February, April and September terms, for the taking of final action on any petition that may be pending for naturalization as citizens of the United States. This action was taken in response to a letter received a couple of days ago by clerk of the court James Haefling calling attention to a federal statute which directs state courts to set a fixed day or days in each year for this purpose. The statute was enacted in 1907.

RESUMED GENERAL PRACTICE.

Dr. H. F. Costello, who contracted septic poison while performing an operation, last June, has completely recovered from the effects of the ailment and has resumed his general practice. This will be good news to the doctor's many friends in this community.

WERE AT MARION

A Pleasant Meeting for the Stockholders of the Ward Fence Company

QUITE A FACTORY

Its Location in this City Means Much for Decatur

It was a pleasant meeting of the stockholders of the Ward Fence company at their factory in Marion, Monday, and which was attended by twenty-two Decatur and Adams county owners of stock. Their factory there is quite a pretentious affair and was running in full blast in every department. Some forty employees were engaged in making farm fence, ornamental wire fence, iron fence, gates and miscellaneous fencing. Such a factory in Decatur would be quite a noticeable addition to the business interests of our city. Its growth is certain, as their practical methods of conducting the business is sure to bring increasing business in a large volume.

The business meeting of the stockholders was also pleasant as well as profitable. The secretary's report reviewed the conditions of the company as well as the future prospects under a system that is bound to bring results. The election of directors resulted in the selection of Harry R. Ward, M. Earl Brackett, E. L. Carroll, J. B. Holtzhouse and E. C. Bleeke, and the officers chosen were Harry R. Ward, president; E. L. Carroll, vice president; M. Earl Brackett, secretary and treasurer. Twenty-two stockholders from this city and county attended the meeting.

A GASOLINE STOVE EXPLODED.

Almost Instantly Killing James Merriweather at Rome City.

James R. Merriweather, of Fort Wayne, well known to many Decatur people, especially those who frequent Rome City, was almost instantly killed at the latter place yesterday noon. His cottage is located east of Island Point next to the Joss cottage on the point and just across the narrows from the cottages used by Decatur people usually. Mr. Merriweather was chief clerk to superintendent Hudson of the G. R. & I. and went to the lake to do some repairs about his cottage. While preparing his noon lunch the gasoline stove exploded, set fire to his clothing and he ran out into the yard and threw himself into the snow. Two men fishing nearby ran to his side and carried him into the cottage, but he died before they reached the house, evidently having inhaled some of the flames.

A COUNTRY DANCE

Delightful Evening at the Home of Peter Braun South of Town

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Surprise for Mrs. Julia Colchin—Mrs. Alphonse Kohne Entertained Friends

The members of the Epworth league entertained a very large crowd last evening at the Methodist parsonage. The Riley program which was rendered, pleased each hearer and the numbers were nicely given. After the closing number a social hour was spent by the guests.

Very much surprised was Mrs. Julia Colchin last evening when a party of twenty ladies responded to dainty invitations issued by her daughter, Miss Rose, for a birthday surprise. Progressive peanuts was the game which occupied the earlier hours of the delightful event. Thirteen games were played and the Mesdames T. Kinney and T. Dirkins won the largest number of games, while the Mesdames T. Corbett and C. Erwin won the booby prizes. A delicious three course luncheon was the closing number of the evening. The guests presented Mrs. Colchin with a beautiful piece of cut glass. The invitation list included the following ladies: Mesdames Helena Berlin, T. Coffee, H. Vogelewe, T. Corbett, E. Miller, Kate Starro, T. Mylott, M. Fullenkamp, C. Erwin, S. Hain, D. Schmitt, T. Dirkins, T. Kinney, J. Dibeo, J. Coffee, F. Gass, C. Gillig, B. Haefling, F. Smith, Joe Smith and Wm. Parent.

Miss Effie Patton delightfully served a six o'clock dinner to her most intimate girl friends Sunday evening at her home. The three guests were: Misses Fanny Hammel, Esther Sellemeyer, Marie Jackson.

The Shakespeare club will spend Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. K. Allison, on north Second street, to hold their weekly meetings.

Miss Midge Smith will be hostess at the Euterpean society meeting on Thursday evening at her home on Second street. Misses Marie Patterson and Myrtle Beachler have charge of the program.

Miss Margaret Mills entertained the F. J. S. club Monday evening at her home on Mercer avenue. The evening was spent in playing games and music. At a late hour the hostess served dainty refreshments and all the girls reported a fine time.

Mrs. Alphonse Kohne pleasantly entertained a company of ladies at her home last evening at progressive pedro. Twenty games were played and the following prizes were awarded: First, Mrs. U. Deininger, Mrs. Martin Mylott; second, Mrs. Ben Knapke, Mrs. E. X. Ehinger; third, Mrs. Carrie Ehinger, Mrs. J. B. Melbers. A dainty two course luncheon was served by the hostess and her daughters. The guests were: Mesdames Josephine Rodd, of Toledo, O.; Henry Schultz, P. J. Hyland, H. H. (Continued on page 4.)

IS SET FOR TRIAL

Coffee Impeachment Case Will Begin at Portland March 9th

ISSUES COMPLETED

Gardner vs King Case Went to the Jury at Noon Today

Portland, Ind., January 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The case of the State ex rel Ed Green vs. D. D. Coffee, impeachment proceedings, came up this afternoon for the making of issues in the cause. A demurer to the complaint was argued and overruled by the court. The defendant then filed a general denial and the case was set for trial March 9th, it being the second Monday of the March term of court.

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Portland, Ind., January 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The case of Stonewall J. Gardner vs. Thomas A. King, another suit brought here on change of venue from Adams county, went to the jury at noon today, after a day and a half at trial. The suit was filed at Decatur August 12th being an effort to collect \$475, which the plaintiff claims is due him from the defendant for work and repairs on the "T. A. King No. 9" a locomotive used in grading the Fort Wayne and Springfield tracks. D. D. Heller, of Decatur and Lawyer Hester of New Albany, appeared for the plaintiff and E. E. McGriff, of Portland, for the defendant. At three o'clock no verdict had been returned.

MONEY AND WATCH

Jacob Loser Lost Both to a Fort Wayne Holdup Man

AFTER A STRUGGLE

Put up a Scrap but the Footpad Was Too Strong for Him

Jacob Loser, a well known resident of Pennville, Ind., was the victim last night of a footpad who relieved him of \$212 in money and his watch.

Loser came to the city yesterday and about 11 o'clock while trying to find his hotel, wandered out of his patch and northward on Calhoun street. Just as he reached a dark place near the city scales, in the vicinity of the county jail, he was pounced upon by the robber and a struggle ensued, the crook using tactics similar to those by which John Blood was robbed by a negro a few nights ago, though the crook in this case was a white man.

In the struggle Loser, who is a man apparently about fifty years of age, was thrown down and his assailant grabbed his money and also jerked his watch loose from its chain. The fellow then ran. Loser did not prove a good loser, by any means, and informed the police.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Mr. Loser is the father of Miss Julia Loser of this city and well known here, having resided between here and Berne for twenty years or more. He only recently moved to Jay county.

Mrs. E. L. Grandstaff, of Monmouth, returned home this evening after visiting with her daughter for the day.